



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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## Wet Weather Continues in Some Areas

### Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state varied from slightly above to slightly below average, ranging from 20 to 39 degrees at night and from 64 to 79 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.01 inches around Lewiston and Rexburg to high of 1.35 inches in the Twin Falls area. For the week ending May 1, major agricultural activities in most areas were halted due to recent rain storms and wet fields. Those farmers that were able to get in the fields were finishing planting. The remaining producers are hoping for some cooperative weather in hopes of wrapping up spring planting.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 2% very short, 16% short, 81% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Planted	24	18	17
Oats Planted	57	61	56
Oats Emerged	36	32	29
Onions Emerged	87	95	84
Dry Peas Planted	75	83	55
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Lentils Planted	69	68	38

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition, and 27% is reported to be jointed. The state's potato planting is off to a slow start, lagging behind last year and the five-year average. Extension Educators from several of the major potato producing counties reported continued wet weather and wet fields. Franklin County Extension Educators reported that heavy rain storms during the past few days have resulted in flooding in many parts of the county. Twin Falls County Extension Educators reported that because of the ample moisture received, many irrigation systems in the area are still off. Power County Extension Educators have received the first report of Mormon crickets around the Holbrook area.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 16% short, 71% adequate, and 13% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	5	73	22
Irr. Water Supply	8	24	44	23	1
Range & Pasture	--	2	24	60	14

### Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	90	94	62	100	100	100	99	99	98	74	72	76	82	81	77
Emerged . . . . .	55	41	22	94	88	97	86	88	78	28	48	45	45	54	48
Barley															
Planted . . . . .	80	87	57	100	100	100	98	96	96	46	51	60	64	68	69
Emerged . . . . .	44	36	19	98	86	97	80	68	73	5	3	22	30	25	35
Potatoes															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	87	98	82	28	71	59	8	21	16	19	39	32
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	4	13	7	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	1	1
Sugarbeets															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	97	100	100	97	100	95	100	100	78	98	100	93
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	84	91	92	31	75	45	30	73	48	41	78	55

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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# Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, May 1, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of May	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	75	30	53	1	362	81	18	0.00	-0.55	0.00	1.80	4.23
Grangeville 5/	71	25	--	--	256	33	0	0.16	-0.53	0.00	4.78	5.26
Lewiston	79	37	57	2	646	152	61	0.01	-0.30	0.00	2.68	2.41
Sand Point 5/	77	32	--	--	282	63	0	0.00	-0.52	0.00	5.95	5.17
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	75	37	55	2	517	99	32	0.04	-0.26	0.00	2.80	2.72
Caldwell	75	36	55	-1	544	107	78	0.10	-0.14	0.00	0.52	2.45
Emmett	74	35	53	0	446	77	37	0.12	-0.15	0.00	1.49	2.84
Mountain Home	73	39	55	3	506	102	20	0.02	-0.19	0.00	1.70	2.08
Parma 5/	77	37	--	--	473	77	36	0.15	-0.09	0.00	1.47	2.24
Weiser	78	37	58	5	523	101	37	0.05	-0.15	0.00	1.82	2.30
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	288	35	4	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.00	1.95
Burley	69	32	49	-2	288	35	6	0.51	0.21	0.00	3.41	2.10
Hill City	64	24	45	-1	115	4	0	0.16	-0.09	0.00	3.55	2.29
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	592	161	64	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.00	1.87
Malta 5/	55	27	--	--	318	53	4	0.69	0.40	0.00	1.98	1.74
Twin Falls	67	31	48	-1	323	52	0	1.35	1.06	0.00	4.33	2.25
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	68	24	46	-2	151	7	0	0.28	0.03	0.00	2.04	1.64
Grace	66	20	43	-4	146	9	0	0.27	-0.14	0.00	0.65	2.89
Idaho Falls	67	28	45	-3	157	7	0	0.05	-0.26	0.00	2.66	2.00
Malad City	69	29	48	-1	253	32	0	0.97	0.60	0.00	2.87	2.49
Pocatello	67	26	47	-2	236	23	0	0.29	-0.03	0.00	4.19	2.58
Rexburg	70	26	45	-3	149	13	0	0.01	-0.36	0.00	2.55	2.33
Salmon 5/	72	25	--	--	282	38	0	0.13	--	0.00	0.82	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.